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Letter dated 3 August 1996 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to enclose herewith a letter dated 3 August 1996 from H.E. Mr. Ali Akbar Velayati, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran, addressed to you.

It would be highly appreciated if the text of the present letter and its annex could be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 60, 81, 140, 145 and 146, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kamal KHARRAZI
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Letter dated 3 August 1996 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Secretary-General

Pursuant to my letter of 27 December 1995 (A/50/857-S/1995/1064), I have the honour to convey the deep concern of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran about the continued hostile statements of the officials of the United States Government and its policies vis-à-vis the Islamic Republic of Iran which have, in the last few days, found alarming and threatening dimensions.

The United States Secretary of Defense and Speaker of the House have recently intensified their campaign of disinformation and hostile propaganda against the Islamic Republic of Iran by the reckless suggestion of military action against the Islamic Republic of Iran respectively on National Public Radio on 2 August and NBC's "Meet the Press" of 28 July - statements which represent blatant examples of political manipulation of public opinion already apprehensive about the recent tragic events. The Islamic Republic of Iran categorically rejects these allegations and considers them an affront to its sovereignty.

The United States' threat of use of force against the Islamic Republic of Iran constitutes an arrogant and callous disregard for the most basic principle of the rules of international law and the Charter of the United Nations, and a clear example of State terrorism. The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran believes that the United States Government may be seeking an excuse to embark on adventurism against and confrontation with the Islamic Republic of Iran in the face of overwhelming opposition by the international community to its attempt for the extraterritorial application of its jurisdiction and particularly its policy on the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran wishes to draw the attention of the international community to the potentially dangerous repercussions for international peace and security that such irresponsible and threatening behaviour by the United States Government could entail. It is needless to point out that the responsibility for such adverse effects should be borne by the United States alone. Prevention of such potentially dangerous consequences is the primary responsibility of the United Nations and you are hereby requested to take all necessary measures to prevent them.

(Signed) Ali Akbar VELAYATI
Minister for Foreign Affairs of
the Islamic Republic of Iran